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**THINGS  
TO COME  
MISSION**



*"Unto the ends of the earth"*  
*Romans 1:5 John 4:35*

## THE DIRECTOR SHARES



"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32. The salvation He provides for all who will believe is free and He so freely provides for our needs. Do YOU know Christ as your personal saviour? Why not receive Him now?

The Lord has accomplished many things in many lives since the latest issue of the International Harvest magazine went out. We are thankful for the souls that have been harvested for the glory of God. You have had a part in all of this by your prayers and gifts. The Missionary has had a part in giving of his/her life in going. What joy there is in working together to reach the world for Christ and to teach the saints the gospel of the grace of God.

Barbara Bowman is already in Brazil working for the Lord and Annette Claypoole, a short term missionary, is also down there helping Mario and Ella in the work. Property has been purchased for the Bible Training school for Brazil. Some things have happened that we didn't really plan on, but we are trusting the Lord to provide if it is His will. The Brazil missionaries have purchased property before selling the house we have in Curitiba. This has caused a financial crisis, but we feel the Lord will bring glory to His name through it all. We would appreciate your prayers to this end. If we can sell the house in Curitiba it will more than cover the cost of the property where we plan to set up the

training center.

Daniel and Jennifer Sidebottom are back in the Philippines and Daniel has been elected Director of the work for another year or two. We had planned for a national to get this job, but they did not feel they were ready to take over that responsibility as yet. Don and Sue Sommer are out of language study and into the work more fully. Bob and Beth Xavier are still at the Dunklin Memorial Camp and feel that this is like a missionary taking language study. It is something that is needed for them to be more effective in the ministry to the whole family of those with life-destroying problems and they are dealing with many families even while in school. The Lord willing, they will be moving to Bradenton, Florida, this fall to begin a new ministry. Ben and Joyce Anderson are also through with language study in Kenya and continuing the work there but they need a work permit to continue. Pray this need will be taken care of so they can continue there if that is the Lord's will. Vernon and Darlene Anderson plan to be in Indonesia for a few

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## THE CALL OF THE MISSION FIELD

### “Crisis In Brazil”

by Pastor Roy J. Kelsey, Editor  
*International Harvest Magazine*

TCM has a “Crisis” in Brazil. I trust that you will bear with me as I try to explain this “Crisis” to you. The Crisis concerns a piece of land that TCM has purchased in Brazil for use as a site for a Bible Institute. The Crisis comes out of the fact that through a misunderstanding documents were signed by TCM’s South American Representative, Mario Indino, for purchasing a five and one half acre tract of land with a four bedroom house on it. The misunderstanding came about out of a phone conversation Mario had with TCM’s office in Cope, Colorado. We will try and explain how this happened.

TCM has a four bedroom house in Curitiba, Brazil, which we had hoped to use as a site for a Bible Institute, but when we tried to buy property adjoining our house we were not able to do so, and since the house we have is not suitable for a Bible Institute, we were then forced to look elsewhere for property. Mario was told by TCM USA to place our house in Curitiba up for sale, and when the house was sold, we could then purchase another property to use as a site for a Bible Institute. Our house in Curitiba was appraised at \$34,000. Anticipating selling our house in Curitiba, Mario began to look for a new site for the Bible Institute. He very soon found a site that seemed ideal. It was located 15 miles from the heart of downtown Curitiba. It was about one mile from a fine hospital. It was on a good road with bus service to the property itself. It had telephone and electricity already installed. There is a town about two miles west of the property with a bank, a supermarket, and a drug store



as well as a post office. The bus fare to Curitiba was about 30 cents, and the property was just two miles off the main road between Curitiba and Sao Paulo. This highway has large and small businesses all along it where students could work part-time as they went to Bible School.

The property was so ideal that Mario felt clearly that the Lord had lead him to it. Barbara Bowman agreed, and so they approached the owner and inquired as to how much he was asking. They were told that he was asking 900,000 Cruzados or about \$30,000. They asked him if he would take less, and he replied that if he could sell it right away he would take 750,000 Cruzados or about \$25,000. Mario then called TCM’s office at Cope. Eldred was not there so, he shared with those in the office about the land deal and requested permission to go ahead and purchase the property. Since our house in Curitiba was

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months this July. They too need your prayers for wisdom and direction.

As I write this, Leah Bigelow will be going to surgery for a kidney transplant from her sister, Joy. We thank you for praying for the Vernon Bigelow family in this hour of need. The Bigelows plan to settle in the Seattle, Washington area during furlough this year.

Those who are “temporarily away” from home need to let us know; as we get charged 30¢ for prayer letters returned, and no one gets the information and we don’t know how long the party will be away or when to send material to them again. Thanks for your help in this matter.

*Eldred Sidebottom, Director*

## CRISIS IN BRAZIL

appraised at \$34,000, when it was sold there would be more than enough to pay for the new property. Somehow in the conversation that followed Mario understood that he was to go ahead and purchase the property, and that money for the down payment would be deposited in his account. He went ahead and wrote a check for \$14,000, took it to Sao Paulo and had it cashed at the Indonesian Consulate. He then took the money and gave it to the Real Estate Agent and signed the necessary papers to buy the new property. After Mario called the office at Cope, Eldred called me and shared with me that it was his understanding that Mario was going to purchase a new property. I told Eldred he should immediately both write and Telex Mario and tell him not to buy the property. When Mario got Eldred's Telex, he called me in real panic. He had already signed the papers, and had given the down payment or one-half of the purchase price, and he had cashed the check to pay the down payment at the Indonesian Consulate in Sao Paulo. "What should I do," he asked. "If the check bounces, I will never be allowed back in Indonesia, and my wife Ella is an Indonesian. Also TCM's property in Curitiba is in my name, and I am sure that if the check bounces that they would take the house to make the check good." It was panic time. (In the meantime the check Mario wrote came back to the bank in Colorado, and Eldred told the bank to send it back, that we did not have the funds to pay the check.) I told Mario and Barbara that I would do what I could. I then called Eldred and told him to set up a Phone Board Meeting for that night, Thursday, April 2nd. The Board decided at that Phone Meeting that all we could do was take the money from our standing accounts and make the check Mario wrote good. It was moved and seconded, and carried without dissent. Eldred then called the man who cashed Mario's check and told him to resubmit the check, and that we would make it good. I then called Mario and told him that we had been able to make the check good. I also told him to see if he could not get a one month delay in making the final payment, which was due April 13th. I also told him that Joe and I would be coming to Brazil on April 20th to look

at the property and to check out the entire situation.

On April 12th at about 7:30 P.M. I received another call from Brazil and they told me that they could not get the one month delay, and that the final payment was due the next day, April 13th. Panic time again! What could we do? I called Eldred, and I told him that a friend of mine would give me the \$14,000 without interest for one month. He said, "What else can we do?" I got the money and Eldred deposited it in Mario's account, and the second payment was made. We now owned a five and one-half acre tract of land with a four bedroom house on it and we owed \$28,000.00. I personally owed a friend of mine \$14,000, which I had agreed to give back May 13th.

On April 20th Joe Watkins and myself went down to Brazil. Mario met us at the airport in Curitiba, and we immediately went to our house in Curitiba. Over the next eight days Joe and I examined carefully both the land and the circumstances involved in the purchase. The site is an EXCELLENT place for a Bible School. Joe, with his 29 years of experience in the Philippines and his experience in setting up two Bible Schools in the Philippines, stated that there could be no better place for a school. We visited several places where TCM has churches, and we visited with several of our national leaders sharing with them TCM's desire to start a Bible School in Curitiba. They each one agreed that it was an excellent place, and pledged their support. On April 27th Joe and I flew back to New York and then to Denver, Colorado, where TCM's Spring Board Meeting began on April 29th. We arrived in Denver after having traveled over 12,000 miles. We reported to the Board what we had found, and they instructed me to write this article sharing with our supporters this CRISIS NEED in Brazil. We need for you to pray with us and stand with us in this matter. TCM has a policy not to go in debt. It would seem that in this case we have violated our own policy, but what else could we do? We could not simply let Mario hang. We had to do something, and we did. After having seen the property, I believe that the Lord is leading in this matter. The property

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has truly great potential for a Bible School. We need for those with both the vision and the wherewithal to share with us in this matter. We had hoped that Grace Ministries International would be joining with us in a Joint Venture in this Bible Institute, but this is not to be, and so TCM must develop their own school. GMI has property in Aracaju, Brazil, and they will start a school there. We must go it alone in Curitiba. We trust that there will still be cooperation between the two Missions, and that their students from the south of Brazil will attend our school.

After having visited Brazil twice in the last three years, I am more convinced than ever that Brazil is ripe for a harvest of souls. Joe and I visited several areas while in Brazil, and we visited with several prospective Bible School students. The door is open in BRAZIL NOW, and if we do not go through it NOW, we may not get the opportunity to go through it in the future. "Now is the day of salvation." "God is not willing that any should perish." "God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son." Beloved, you and I are "ambassadors for Christ." "God is by us beseeching men and women, boys and girls to be reconciled to Himself." This age of Grace will soon be over. The Trumpet will sound very soon, and the dead in Christ will rise first, and then we which are alive and remain will be caught up to meet the Lord in the Air, and the Harvest will be over. Have we done all that we can? Have you done your part?

About the sale of our house in Curitiba: The house is presently on the market for

sale at \$34,000 or 1,020,000 Cruzados. However the economy in Brazil is in shambles. The banks are paying 15% interest per month on money deposited in 30 day accounts. This means that no one is able to buy a house unless they have cash. Who can afford such rates? Until the economy stabilizes we will not be able to sell the house. In the meantime we have to pay back \$28,000.

Beloved, we do have a Crisis in Brazil, and we need your help in this matter. Pray as to how the Holy Spirit will have you help. Pray for us on the TCM Board and in the TCM Official Family as we make great and weighty decisions that will affect the spiritual destinies of a great many people. I ask that after you read this article that you pray both that the Lord will direct you, and that He will direct each other person that reads this article. We are not begging or resorting to schemes to draw money out of anyone, but we do have a real need in Brazil, and you are a part of the TCM family, and, we therefore share this information with you.

One last thing I need to share with you. TCM's expenses have greatly increased over the last three or four years due to a growth in the number of missionaries out under TCM and the expanding ministries of TCM. Our General Fund has not received the kind of increase in funds that would care for our increased expenses. Would you pray about this matter, and you would consider TCM's General Fund when praying about where the Lord would have you give.



*New  
Bible  
Institute  
property*

## 10th YEAR ANNIVERSARY A NEW BEGINNING

It was 10 years ago, in March 1977, that this author left his home in St. Bernice, Indiana and travelled to Indianapolis. The events leading up to this trip covered 24 years though only 10 years had what could be considered direct relationship to it. I was reaching a milestone in my life, hoping to begin what I had felt the Lord had been preparing me for. The board of Things To Come Mission was meeting and they were to consider my application as a missionary candidate. It was an exciting time for me, yet I was apprehensive.

After a year and four months in the pastorate, I was considering giving my life to foreign mission work. After consideration of my application, questioning by the board, and some discussion, the board of the mission accepted me as a new missionary candidate for Australia. My resignation from Kidley Community Church was effective the end of May, and deputation began in June. A new phase of my ministry for the Lord had begun.

Though my field of service changed after three months, the Lord gave me new direction and I began my ministry in the Philippines in May 1978. Words can not really express my appreciation and the joy I have to the Lord for the direction He has provided throughout these last 10 years. My life has truly been full.

During these years I have: learned a new language, learned a new culture, made new friends, ministered in a new country, spent weeks in foreign hospitals with new diseases, broken bones, worn out body parts (appendix), etc., hiked mountains to visit and minister in new areas, helped move Mindanao Grace Bible Institute from the mountains to the lowlands, nearly drowned while moving the materials downriver, increased my ministry skills, visited India three times, once taking a Filipino pastor with me, travelled to numerous churches both here in the States and in the Philippines, survived the capsizing of a small boat and the resulting loss of our equipment, preached in numerous churches, conferences, seminars, and camps, counselled people concerning salvation through Jesus Christ, taught others the Grace message, learned to drive under new rules and regulations,



survived close calls on the road and a couple of motorcycle accidents, suffered with others who had lost their loved ones in death, directed the mission work in the Philippines, entered and completed a graduate course in Intercultural Studies and World Missions at Biola University, acquired new tools and ideas for the ministry in the Philippines and other countries, helped in the church work at Anaheim, met my future wife, and finally got married.

Although there were times in these last 10 years that I wished that I had had a straight eight-hour-a-day job and could forget my work when at home, I can think of nothing else I would have rather done. Believing I am right where the Lord wants me, I have perfect peace.

All of this is now behind me. A new beginning is here. Although it has been over one year since our marriage and we have both helped in the Anaheim church, Jennifer and I will begin our combined ministry in the Philippines this April. Our previous experience in the country as single individuals will no doubt help us develop and perform our ministry, but ministering as a couple will still be different and provide new opportunities and challenges.

Our first term on the field as a couple will

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not be easy. Not only will we have to continue learning about and adjusting to each other, but the mission work is expanding and changing. The mission board has appointed me the Far East Representative of the mission, meaning that I will oversee the work in the Philippines, Indonesia, India, Malaysia, and any other fields in the area that we might enter in the future. This will not be an easy task. Languages are different, travel will be difficult and expensive, cultures will be unique one from another, our mission development is at completely different stages, and developing leaders will take time and hard effort.

Since the beginning of the work in the Philippines, the mission has been training leaders. At the present time, the only leadership position in the country held by an American is that of the mission director. Yet work has already been started to elect a national to this position. Our expectation is that I will be elected as the director this coming May during our national conference. Nevertheless, we see this position as only temporary. Part of my responsibility will be to work with the national being trained for this ministry and within two or three years, see him elected to this position.

While directing the work, and even when a national director is chosen, Jennifer and I will be handling the funds of the mission sent for the work there and reporting on its use. We thank the Lord for those who have so faithfully given over the years to a work they have never been able to personally see. While 90% of the finances of the individual churches are covered by the local church member, probably only 5% of the mission activities are met within the Philippines. 95% of the finances for the two Bible Institutes, the fieldwork (seminars, travel, and supervising ministers), and the radio work comes from the States. Probably 80% of the cost of printing tracts, correspondence courses, seminar materials, etc. and 60 to 75% of the youth work come from the gifts of friends here in the States. Probably 100% of the Calamity Fund money used for the treatment of sickness and disease among our pastors and church members is also supplied by

gifts from here at home.

As happens here at home, finances in the Philippines are a cause of some misunderstanding and hard feelings. Thank you for your prayers for the needs there and let's thank God for His supply.

A couple of areas we want to concentrate on while in the Philippines are the Bible Institute within the mission and the secular colleges in the country. In our own institutes, we want to examine the requirements for offering a degree and thereby increasing the status of our pastors, especially in the cities. We will probably have to add a fourth year of class work, increase our library holdings, and add teachers with graduate degrees to the staff. Besides these three changes, there will probably be others we are not yet aware of.

To help meet the need of graduate level teachers, the mission will try to encourage and financially help some of our present teachers earn a graduate degree. This can probably be done in extension classes in the summer with assignments handed in during the year.

In spite of a developed youth work ministering to thousands of youth throughout the year, the mission has not tried to meet the needs of the college youth. Some of the needs are being met through other ministries like Campus Crusade, Baptist Youth, and other denominational ministries, but there are areas that our mission could work in. These are needs that our pastors and youth coordinators could meet. Recently I have been challenged to encourage development within our mission in this area.

Besides helping in the office work, entertaining, letter writing, and the like, Jennifer will probably be helping to develop material for use with Women's ministries, Children's ministries, and other areas of Christian Education. She will be ministering through music as well. A new area both of us are looking into concerns developing relationships among some of the non-churched people in Cebu. Because the society places emphasis upon status and wealth, we would like to meet some of the upper class people and begin to meet with them and in some way minister to them and

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their families. In this way we will not only increase the status of our mission among the Filipinos, but we will be reaching a segment of the society which (except for a few contacts) we have not yet begun to minister to.

As Jennifer is a registered nurse, it might be possible for her to meet doctors and nurses in the Philippines and this could also be a ministry for her. One of the ministries that Eunice Heath had in Lupagan, the area of IGBI, was in providing medicine and limited health care for the people. Though we will probably not be in

Lupagan for any length of time, it might be that Jennifer could have a ministry in the area of health whenever we travel or right in our home.

Ten years of ministry within the mission has been exciting. But it will hopefully be nothing compared to the excitement of the ministry the Lord has for Jennifer and I in the near future. The work is demanding and difficult, yet it offers many rewards. Pray with and for us as we seek God's continued will for our lives.

*Dan & Jennifer Sidebottom,*  
Missionaries to the Philippines

## IMPOSSIBLE ? ? ?

*Impossible* is a word not found in the apostle Paul's vocabulary; he didn't use *impossible* even once. Conversely Paul declares we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Dr. Luke had already said, "for with God nothing is impossible."

We apply great faith when we trust God for a host of humanly *impossible* things: to miraculously wash all our sins away, to miraculously baptize us into the Body of Christ, to miraculously give us eternal life, to miraculously resurrect us from the grave when nothing is left but dust, to miraculously give us new bodies, to miraculously take us to Heaven to live there eternally. All that God does is miraculous. Every time God answers prayer and changes the natural course of things, it is a miracle. What man can do, God does not need to do. What man cannot do, God will do and that is a miracle.

We also need faith, though comparatively less, to see God doing the little miracles in our daily lives: like providing all our needs as we serve Him. Surely if we can demonstrate faith to believe God merely spoke and the creation leaped into existence, then it takes comparatively little faith to believe that that same Omnipotent One can provide food and shelter.

And then there are times when we want to exercise a little more faith, some special faith, more than for food and shelter. For several years we have prayed and believed that God would rise up "*GRACE CENTER*" in Indonesia. We had wanted this

vital hub located in Manado, Sulawesi, but God said, "No." He was seeing something more. This year we are setting our sights on Jakarta, Indonesia's capital city of over six million people, located on the most populated island in the world, Java, with 140 million people. Indonesia is the largest Moslem nation in the world as well.

Our Indonesian Brethren have faith to believe that God will raise up "*GRACE CENTER*" in downtown Jakarta. It makes my blood tingle just to think about it. Just think: a multi-purpose building to house: a Church, a Book Store, a Bible School, Headquarters for Grace Bible Church of Indonesia, and an ideal place to hold Evangelistic Meetings, Seminars, Conferences, Church Meetings, a Training Center, and much more.

The Lord has done a miracle also in *REMOVING OUR NAMES FROM THE BLACK LIST*, a list of those people not allowed to enter Indonesia, and the Lord has made it possible for us to be offered a visa to visit Indonesia with even the possibility of extending our time there. Our faith had not stretched that far, but God's faithfulness reaches forever!

Our new plan is to leave Kenya for Indonesia in July 1987 with all other plans open-ended, allowing the Lord to Open and Close doors as He chooses. Although we hope to contact each of the churches situated throughout Indonesia, we want to concentrate on Jakarta so as to find that piece of REAL ESTATE where *GRACE*

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## IMPOSSIBLE ? ? ?

*CENTER* will be built.

Prayer is a true exercise of faith, love and hope. You can join us in prayer. We invite you to do so.

William Carey proposed: "Attempt great things for God, and expect Great things from God."

Hudson Taylor observed: "The Lord's work done in the Lord's way will not lack the Lord supply."

The Apostle Paul wrote: "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

We agree wholeheartedly because for 30 years we have been experiencing all of these promises, even exceedingly, indefinitely above all we can ask or think. When it looked *impossible* in 1957, we started out to serve Him with our meager promise to God that we would ask no person to finance us and also to stay out of debt. God took our very little faith and supplied all we needed to develop a work for His glory. It was *impossible* and it still looks *impossible*, but we sense a need to attempt a "little more faith" looking forward to see what He will do concerning the field of Indonesia and especially GRACE CENTER.

*The Vernon Andersons*



*Pictured is Amy Anderson, youngest of Vernon and Darlene Anderson's children. Amy is a student at Grace Bible College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Amy has been with her parents on many mission fields around the world. Pray for her as she gains training for serving the Lord wherever He wants her to serve.*

## A REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Greetings from the Philippines in the wonderful name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST!

Praise and kindly pray for the following:

1. PRAISE THE LORD for the 3625 Correspondence School students who are actively taking the course on Salvation. Several hundreds have already finished the course, and many have indicated that they have received the LORD JESUS CHRIST as their personal Savior. These students are respondents of the ongoing house-to-house GOSPEL SETS distribution which started in June of last year (1986).

2. PRAISE THE LORD for the gifts which came in through TCM from two families of the Berean Grace Fellowship in Elyria, Ohio. The amount was an answer to prayer. It was used to purchase 108 copies

of the New Testament for follow-up. There are many requests for Bibles that are on file from our Correspondence School students. We desire that every student who will finish the course on Salvation would possess a copy of the Bible — even if it is only a New Testament to start with. This is a necessity because almost all of those who are enrolled at present are Catholics — and they do not have their own Bibles! And besides, the Follow-Up courses that we are sending them require the use of the Bible.

3. PRAISE THE LORD for the resumption of our print shop's activities. The Grace Gospel Printers (name of our print shop) has transferred to its new location due to some inconveniences at the old location.

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The local electric company demanded many requirements in putting up the needed electrical installations. It took three months to finish the work.

4. PRAY for the work on Pastor Heath's book. We hope to finish the bindery work before conference time.

5. PRAY for the re-printing of GOSPEL SETS. We need 25,000 sets. This number will be distributed in Cebu City starting in June of this year. This is a part of the ongoing house-to-house GOSPEL SETS distributing being conducted through the churches. This is under Phase One of the Distribution scheme which aims to reach every home in the vicinity of each Grace Gospel Church in the Philippines before the end of June 1988.

6. PRAY for the FINANCIAL need of the

Printing Division of the Literature Department. The average monthly expenditure is Ten Thousand Pesos or about \$500.00. This includes salaries/wages, metal, rental, electricity, and paper.

7. PRAY for the FINANCIAL NEEDS of the Correspondence School Division of the Literature Department. The average monthly expenditure is Four Thousand Pesos or about \$200.00. This includes salaries, mailing, etc.

Well, this is all for now. May God continue to richly bless you and the work that you each one are doing for Him.

Sincerely in Christ,  
*Jun, Deb, Junde, Lester,  
and Dennis Pielago*  
Things To Come Mission, Inc.  
Philippines

## MEET A TCM BOARD MEMBER

Pastor Tim Heath is our featured Board Member in this issue of the IH. Tim's Address is: 116 Cherry, Leavenworth, Washington 98826. If you're ever in Tim's area look him up. He is somewhere between Spokane and Seattle.

Tim was raised in California, where his father, Bill Heath, was a pastor. Tim was able to become involved with Things To Come Mission when he was 17. Tim's father & mother left the United States and headed for the Philippines as missionaries with most of their family when Tim was 17. For Tim's Dad and Mom, Bill & Eunice, the decision to go to the mission field has been long and prayerfully handled, thus closing a pulpit ministry of 25 years for Bill. But it began a ministry with Things To Come Mission that powerfully affected the entire family.

After one year in the Philippines Tim came back to the USA to attend Grace Bible College. Then after two years of study, he returned to the Philippines for another year. By this time missions seemed to be the direction the Lord was leading Tim, so further study was sought at Grace Bible College.

While at GBC Tim met and married his wife Judy, and their first child, Jennifer, was born. Tim graduated from GBC with his wife Judy and their by daughter,

Jennifer, and a THB degree. During his last two years at GBC Tim led a team of youth to Mexico, Europe, and the mid-west. He then organized additional teams to go to Europe and Mexico.

After graduation the Lord led Tim & Judy to work at Prison Mission Association with Joe & Ada Mason. Tim began work with PMA thinking to organize outreaches in Mexico from PMA's base in Riverside, California.

After three years and many valuable lessons, Tim left PMA. Many close friendships were gained by Tim & Judy while at PMA. Tim, Judy, Jennifer and Daniel (9 mos.) moved to Leavenworth, Washington to work on Alpine Boys Ranch. After one year the Lord burdened both Tim & Judy for deeper involvement in either missions or the pastorate. In reception of God's answer Tim made the decision to be a missionary minded pastor. With this burden for missions Tim accepted the offer to become a Board Member of Things To Come Mission in the early 80's.

Tim has now been pastoring Cascade Mountain Bible Church in Leavenworth, Washington for nearly nine years. God's grace and blessings have been faithfully given by an all loving and caring God. To Him be the glory!

# REPORT FROM TCM-ENGLAND

by **Barry Pumphrey**

Greetings in our Savior's Precious Name!

The following is a report of what has happened here in England in the past year.

1. **WHAT HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST YEAR? THIS IS THE HARDEST QUESTION, BUT BEST IF BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.** Numbers have gone right down. 5 to 7 at most. We are praying if we should continue. S.S. teacher has also been ill a great deal.

**WOMEN'S MEETING.** Definite encouragement. Special meetings last year brought in new faces — some have continued to come. No actual decisions, but some are doing Joe Mason's Bible Studies.

**MIDWEEK MEETING.** Faithful nucleus continues to come. Mainly a Bible Teaching and discussion session. This meeting has shown up areas of weakness that Barry was able to teach.

**MAIN SUNDAY MEETING.** Mainly the same as always. No new decisions but many encouraging signs and young believers built up.

## 2. PLANS AND GOALS:

1) Definite evangelistic thrust on the housing estate during the summer; especially for the Sunday School and older people.

2) Going thru the Highway of Life midweek to instruct new believers and remind older ones. This has started already.

3) Praying regarding our commitment on the estate where we are holding meetings. We have been there approximately 10 years with only small fruit. Would the Lord have us move?

4) We are still seeking a building or land on which to build. There is a possibility to be explored at the moment. But it's away from our present situation.

Push Joe Mason's Bible Studies to believers and unbelievers alike.

## 3. WHAT ARE OUR NEEDS?

1) Prayers.

a. For a greater vision.

b. For opportunities & boldness to



take them.

c. That He will rend the heavens and come down and bless the work.

d. That our own commitment might be deeper and more expectant.

## 2) Funding.

a. To a large degree the work is funded by the believers here, and finances are healthy.

b. However, as we stated before, we are seeking the Lord's direction for a building or land to purchase on which to build.

## 3) Minibus.

a. We also desire to obtain a Minibus. There is a great deal of transporting of people to and from meetings.

b. Our car is old, and we cannot put too many people in it. Sometimes Barry has to make two trips before and after meetings to get everybody here and home. This is time consuming and tiring, especially when he is in charge and preaching at the meeting as well.

c. We are praying for the right one to come along. Old but NOT worn out, and with low mileage and a good engine and body.

4) **OUR GREATEST NEED IS HIM AND PRAYERS.** Pray that we might know His will and do it.

*In His Service,  
Barry, Kathy, Ben, Sandy, & Adrian  
Pumphrey*

## THE SERPENT STRIKES...again and again

Embu, Kenya — 30 March 1987

Lunch was just about finished when the phone rang. Darlene answered. It was Samuel, our co-worker in Kiritiri area: "Baby daughter — seriously ill — needs to be rushed to Embu hospital — no vehicle available — can you come right away? I gulped down one more bite and was out the door.

As I hurried along I met clouds of dust. Every passing vehicle churned up clouds of red dust from the parched dirt road, hiding pot holes and rocks in the foot-deep dust. It jolts driver and car alike. It took me one hour to negotiate the 20 miles. And then I saw Samuel and Justa sitting on the side of the dusty road holding their baby. I called, "Get in, Sam, and we'll get to the hospital!"

"It is too late," Sam answered.

"Too late, why?"

"The baby is already dead." And Sam went on with the details. Last night the baby was fine and well. Early today the baby woke with high fever and difficult breathing. Sammy rushed her to the local dispensary where they could do nothing but say, "The baby must go to Embu." No vehicles available. Even the phone call was a difficulty, but finally it connected and I was there. But the baby had died while I was on the way. The serpent had struck Samuel again.

Last December Festus and Samuel arrived at our house early one morning, but we could barely recognize Sammy because his eye socket was swollen as large as a baseball. He had been bitten by a poisonous snake, at midnight, right on the forehead! We rushed him to the local hospital where the doctor prescribed anti-venom which he knew was not available in Embu. He prescribed other medicines available in Embu but not in the hospital. Thus that first crucial day Sammy received *two aspirins* for a poisonous snakebite. The swelling continued, closing the left eye and distorting the whole jaw.

At 8 PM the night nurse finally told us he was not getting any medication and badly needed injectible cortisone. That day was a national holiday, now night besides,



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everything closed tight. We rushed to our landlord who knew an Asian doctor who is another neighbor, and we got the cortisone. The Lord used all those prayers and the cortisone to save Sam's life. The next day the swelling began to subside and in two weeks he was well — everyone says a miracle. Amen.

Then the old serpent attacked while Sam was teaching Sunday school under the big tree, our "open air" chapel. He looked up and there lay another snake ready to strike. But Samuel had seen it in time.

Another day Sam was making his new mud house when a puff adder crawled inside. No doubt the serpent was ready to strike again, but Sam was saved.

A few weeks later Sam and Festus were returning from an open air meeting when two wild dogs rushed at them. Sam killed one with his Bible and his shoe while the other ran away! Satan again had attacked.

Why are these attacks coming so fiercely? Recently Samuel dedicated his life to full-time service for the Lord. Satan cannot leave him alone. He has struck him again and again.

"Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8.

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We have personally felt the lion stalking us and the work. In August 1984, Satan met us at the airport in Brazil and never let us alone. We fought him in the power of the Lord day and night but the war had casualties. Then Donna's death was a crushing blow to Ben and us. We had to show the old serpent that even death does not stop the servants of the Lord. In Kenya the arch enemy is doing battle furiously. When Amy planned to enter Bible school in USA last August, she had to face major surgery first. Amy fought back and is working on her Bible school training. Now Ben and Joyce are withstanding in the battle for Kenya. Our promise from the Lord is assured victory. Our need from the Lord is Love, Faith, and Hope. You can also wrestle the powers of darkness with us by prayer.

When Satan demanded permission to "sift" Peter, Jesus assured Peter, "I will pray for you that your faith fail not." Will you pray for the workers in Kenya as we battle the serpent?

Vernon D. Anderson

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was received just a few days after the above article by Vernon Anderson.*

### AND AGAIN . . .

We had just finished the article, "The

Serpent Strikes . . . again and again," and had sent it to the editor of IH when the Serpent struck AGAIN! We picked up Samuel and Festus Njoka to go to a distant village to teach and preach today. We were actually surprised to see Samuel as he was to go to another village. When he entered the car, he began his new story.

Following his own bout with the "Serpent," as described above a few days after he returned home from receiving medical help the Village people and even one "preacher" came to his house and tried to convince him to go to the witch doctor to find out why the "spirits" were troubling Samuel so much. Samuel vehemently refused, saying, "I'm a believer; I cannot go to the witch doctor," and so they left him to his Savior, BUT his wife was convinced by these Children of Satan, and so she turned on Samuel and tried to convince him to go to the Witch Doctor. Again Samuel refused. That night his wife packed her bags and went home to her parents and left Samuel alone with his tears. Now he had lost his only child and also his wife.

Please pray for Samuel. The Serpent will strike again and again. All one has to do is read Job to know the truth of the Serpent's ways.

PRAY — AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN . . .

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## MEET GORDON SOOY

*This is a picture of Gordon Sooy, TCM Board member. Gordon was elected to TCM's Board in September 1985. We included his biographical sketch in the July-August 1986 Issue of the IH. We thought that you might like to see his picture along with the biographical sketch. We did not have the picture for the Board Issue.*



# PHILOSOPHY OF THINGS TO COME MISSION

By E. Sidebottom

"Things to Come Mission, Inc. is dedicated to world evangelism through the message and methods of the Apostle Paul". The following statement sums up the philosophy of TCM.

Paul's message was that special treatise which exalts the risen Christ as Head of the new creation, the church which is Christ's Body. According to Col. 1:25-28, we see the distinctives of it as well as its purpose to present Christ. "Whereof I am made a minister according to the dispensation of God which is given me for you to fulfill the word of God; even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: WHOM we preach..."

Consistent with Paul's message were methods the Holy Spirit chose by which Paul dispensed the sacred secret. Whatever name one gives to the principle of 2 Timothy 2: 1, 2, the extension of the Body of Christ is dependent thereupon. "Thou therefore my son be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Upon this principle TCM unreservedly stands.

Another Pauline principle is that expressed in Romans 15:20, ("Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation." in 2 Corinthians 5:19, 20, ("To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.") and also in Ephesians 3:8, 9, ("Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in

God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.") From these Scriptures we conclude the field is the world and therefore we must be dedicated to worldwide evangelization.

The Principle of 'faith' is basic also to the Philosophy of TCM. This 'faith principle' is more than a 'bread and butter' tenet, though it also governs one's life in the realm of finances and material things. The response to the message of the Word of God must be 'faith', (Heb. 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please God for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.") Romans 10:17 ("So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."), 2 Corinthians 5:7, ("For we walk by faith, not by sight.") Thus as, salvation is by faith alone, so we believe the missionary must learn not to look to missionary organizations for security, but to place his faith in the Lord alone for the supply he needs.

The following is taken from the TCM Constitution, page 7:

"When a missionary goes to the field, he must not only have a mental knowledge of what the Word of God says, but it is imperative that he experience a vital relationship with the Lord's work and not the missionary's. The missionary must be conscious of God's supernatural ability to work in his behalf when he walks in obedience to the Lord. The walk of faith is very real and especially important to the missionary. Everything done in his life that will count for eternity can only be done by faith in the supernatural working of the power of God. If a missionary does not learn to trust God for the initial material needs of his life, it will be very difficult for him to go out with confidence and believe that God can save souls and change lives.

"We feel that one cannot have faith for another, but that it must be a personal faith on the part of everyone in the work as a whole. We do not dare give a missionary the assurance that the Mission will be able to maintain him on the field, regardless of the situation. It is very natural for the human heart to desire security, but we

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must guard against the danger of substituting organizational or human security for the trust and security we so desperately need in Christ. Our whole work and objective must be built around the security of heaven and God's ability to provide, and we must permit each individual missionary to understand that relationship himself, before God."

Therefore TCM believes this faith principle will limit the extent to which 'needs' can be publically made known. Paul made known needs that were essentially spiritual in nature, though on occasion he presented needs, physical and material too. However, it seems that Paul seldom if ever asked of man for his own material or physical need, as we think of missionary support, etc.

The following quotation from C. H. Mackintosh is here presented as pertinent to the expressed principle of faith:

"The language of faith, is this: (Psalm 62:5) 'My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him.' To make known my wants, directly or indirectly to a human being is departure from the life of faith, and a positive dishonor to God. It is actually betraying Him. It is tantamount to saying that God has failed me, and I must look to my fellow for help. It is forsaking the living fountain and turning to a broken cistern. It is placing the creature between my soul and God, thus robbing my soul of rich blessing, and God of the glory due Him."

Therefore each TCM missionary is expected to wait on God alone for the supply of his outfit and passage to the field as well as his living needs to carry on his work. We don't refuse 'pledged' support, nor do we solicit it.

In the light of Romans 13:8 TCM has adopted a policy that the mission will not contact financial indebtedness. Each missionary is also expected to live in strict compliance with this principle.

TCM does financially support national workers in many foreign fields. These nationals are not pastors, but church planters as was Paul, making a circuit among existent groups, or establishing new assemblies. At the time such national

worker becomes a pastor of a local assembly, he is no longer financially supported by TCM. At that time his support is assumed by his local congregation. This is the principle of the International Grace Bible Institute in the Philippines. All graduates are helped to the extent they are evangelists planting churches and traveling among existent groups.

The IGBI incorporates a four year program in its curriculum. Following the first two years of study the IGBI student is sent to an assigned field for a year of intern work on a very small stipend. At the close of this year of internship, the student returns to the campus of IGBI for his last year of study; following which he is expected to offer himself for full time Christian work.

TCM realizes that each field of operation in the world differs from other fields. However, we feel the principles and philosophy of Pauline methods can be effectively applied to the establishment of the Lord's work any place in the world.

The Board of TCM has no funds of itself; only as God supplies through the faithfulness of His people. Every cent designated by the donor goes without deduction to the work described by the contributor. TCM Board places no limitation on the amount of funds a missionary may or may not receive while on the field. This seemingly may mean more funds for the eloquent, fluent letter-writing missionary, while discriminating against the less eloquent, less fluent letter-writing missionary. However, we feel as each missionary lives the life of dependence and faith in Christ, these matters will be lessons of God's teaching. Even Paul expressed — (Phil. 4:11, 12: "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.") — times of hunger, and need!! Did not our Lord Christ Himself choose the path of humiliation, need, suffering, etc., to demonstrate the grace of God. Thus, we feel again, the Pauline scriptures verify and exalt this 'faith' principle.

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## **PRAYER NEEDS**

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Pray much about TCM's Crisis in Brazil.

Pray for Sanny and Joel, our Philippine students at GBC. There is a rather large amount owed on their school for this past year.

Pray for the Mario Indino family in Brazil. Mario has been under much stress over this land purchase and is under a doctor's care.

Pray about the deficit in TCM's General Fund.

Praise God for the success to date of Leah Bigelow's transplant operation. Continue to pray for her, and for Joy, her sister, who donated the kidney for the transplant.

Pray for Bill and Eunice Heath as they travel to Brazil for a couple of months to help Mario share the load.